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DATE: April 16, 2003

TO: Examiner Peter Chin
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FACSIMILE NO: 1-703-305-7718

RE: Amendment After Final

OUR REFERENCE: WEYE-1-18587

YOUR REFERENCE: 10/052,230

FROM: Paul C. Cullom, Jr.

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MESSAGE: Please see attached Amendment C in response to Final Office Action.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M.D. Vrbannac et al. Attorney Docket No. WEYE118587
 Application No.: 10/052,230 Group Art Unit: 1731
 Filed: January 17, 2002 Examiner: P. Chin
 Title: GRANULAR POLYSACCHARIDE HAVING ENHANCED SURFACE CHARGE

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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April 16, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- _____ 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
X 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fec	
Total Claims	40	Minus	49	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	6	Minus	6	=	0	x	84	=	0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment									\$0.00

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B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 23, 2003, set to expire on January 23, 2003, be extended by three months to expire on April 23, 2003.

The Office is authorized to charge \$930.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1740 to cover the amount of the three month extension fee.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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